(b) whether as a part of the Dacoit tourism package, the visitor is offered a meeting with bandits who have laid down arms; and

(c) whether a few tour operators feel the package involved risk because of inhospitable terrains?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) As per information received from Government of Rajasthan, no package of Dacoit Tourism has been launched in the State.

Appeal by foreign countries to their citizens

†2462. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Governments of Australia, Canada, Britain and New Zealand have advised their citizens that they should not go to India for the purpose of tourism;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many travellers have got their reservations cancelled;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the dream for 'Incredible India' is going to shatter; and

(d) if so, the steps Government intends to take at international level to avoid it?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Travel Advisories have been issued by countries, including Australia, Canada, Britain and New Zealand, advising their citizens to avoid travel or to take precautions while traveling to areas in the country which are temporarily disturbed.

Following the terrorist attack in Mumbai, there have been some cases of cancellation of visits by foreign tourists to India. The Ministry of Tourism has, however, taken several confidence building measures in order to avoid a negative impact on tourism. Security updates for foreign tourists have been put up on the website of the Ministry. There have been regular interactions with the international travel industry and media through the Indian Missions and India tourism offices overseas and familiarisation tours to India for international travel trade and media representatives have been arranged, to keep them updated on the situation on ground in Mumbai as well as the rest of the country.

Demand for hospitality in tourism sector

2463. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up more hotel management institutes in the country to meet the growing demand of trained manpower in the hospitality and tourism sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the States in which these institutes will be set up;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.